

**FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting
August 24, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

The Regular Board meeting of the Fremont Board of Education was called to order by Vice-President Jennifer Scott at 7:09 p.m.

Present: Jen Scott, Kim Rasch, Michael Campeau, Crystal Calkins, Rick St. Peter and Pete Slovinski.

Absent: Matt Hendrie

Approval of Agenda

6619 – Motion by Crystal and seconded by Pete to approve the agenda.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Public Participation

- A parent requested a waiver for her son to attend Lighthouse Virtual Academy and still participate in Fremont Public Schools sports. He plays baseball and basketball and is on a travel league. She indicated that she called the MHSAA, and they told her she needed a waiver from the Athletic Director at Fremont High School for this.
- Julie Hunt-Barnhardt acknowledged that the Board and staff have a great working relationship. Jen thanked the teachers for being amazing.

Recognitions/Presentations

- None

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

6620 – Motion by Pete and seconded by Rick to approve the consent agenda items:

- Approval of the minutes of the August 10, 2020 Board of Education meeting.
- Approval fo the disbursements from the month of July in the amount of \$1,477,999.61

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Leadership Reports

Ken Haggart, Superintendent

- Ken advised the Board that hopefully we will know the potential budget in the next couple of days.
- We have hired three art teachers – high school, middle school and elementary schools. We have replaced a number of support staff who have either retired or resigned.
- Elementary Edgenuity has some hiccups which we are ironing out. Students are being placed in class rosters, parent education on assisting students is being scheduled, introductory units will be completed first and then transitioned into curriculum on line.
- MS/HS Edgenuity is on track to start August 31.
- Track is two weeks out from laying the asphalt.
- The building administrators have been fielding questions day in and day out from teachers/parents/community members. Kindergarten open house was this afternoon and evening.
- Community Service Requirements are being evaluated by the high school. We have traditionally required 40 hours of community service. The Board may need to consider what to do with that due to the current situation.
- We are trying to make the school year as normal as possible for all the students and staff.
- Regarding the Re-Juve-Nal product – there was concern that it wasn't as safe as proposed to be. We will be using a different product to kill the virus on surfaces. We will be using QT Plus which is EPA approved and has a three-minute wait time on surfaces before it is ready to go. The District will always put the safety of the staff and students first.

Bing Hanson, Director of Finance

- Auditors are scheduled for August 31.
- Bing advised that the SET/SEG check to replace the embezzled funds was on its way.

Board Committee Reports

- Finance/Facilities – Met on August 24 – Pete informed the Board that we have received supplemental funds from the State of Michigan to purchase PPE for students of approximately \$118,000. Jen advised that the track is going very well. The inside perimeter track drains are completed; east wall is completed; fence posts are up for the fencing; concrete is starting to be laid down. No students will be cleaning tables and we

have purchased more PPE than any other district for the safety of our staff and students.

- Policy/Personnel – Met August 20 – Crystal announced that we will be reading and approving the Title IX policy tonight. Since it is a federal requirement, we only need one reading. As far as community service is concerned, we are the only district in the county that requires this for graduation. There is professional development planned for August 25 through August 27. The school wide nurse will be in the district from three to ten hours a week.

Action Agenda

6621 – Motion by Crystal and seconded by Kim to approve the Edgenuity curriculum.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0; Motion passed.

6622 – Motion by Pete and seconded by Mike to approve the Title IX policy.

There was discussion on the fact that Title IX policy regarding sexual harassment was previously set up that the accuser was always right, and the accused had to provide innocence. It has been revamped that both parties have rights as a student within the building for education. The Title IX coordinator cannot be the superintendent.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Board Communications/Discussion

- Ken discussed a bit more about the QT Plus. Students/staff will not come into contact with the concentrated version. Daisy Brook will have breakfast and lunch in the classrooms; Pathfinder will have breakfast in the classroom, but have lunch in the cafeteria. Ryan advised that the surface must be wiped down with clean water before the table can be used for eating.

Adjournment

6623 - Motion by Crystal and seconded by Pete to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Ayes – 6; Nays – 0 Motion passed.

Richard L. St. Peter II, Secretary